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#### HOMECOMING WEEKEND!

Friday, October 10:

Pep Rally 7 p.m. Live Band 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 11:

Soccer - Gallaudet vs. Toronto

10 a.m. Silents Alumni Brunch 10:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade 11 a.m.

Football - Gallaudet vs. Virginia

1 p.m. Commonwealth Dance at Ramada Inn, Lanham, Md. 8 p.m. For more information, contact Diane McGinley, Homecoming Publicity Director.

## IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

The D.C. Chapter of the American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on campus November 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Hall Memorial Building, room 152. Those who wish to donate blood, please contact Cisco Roman, LeRoy Schauer or Marian Dixon.

Remember donating is painless and safe. Your donation is your insurance policy. If our quota is met, your pint of blood will protect you and your family in the event any of you need blood. Please give.

### AMONG OURSELVES

-- The Physical Plant has announced that Howard Levo has been promoted to the staff position of estimator/ inspector, a new position in the department. Howard has also recently been certified as a Maryland State Certified Inspector. Only two states, Maryland and California, give this type of

of certification. --Roslyn Norman gave birth to a baby girl on Sunday. Baby Katherine and her mom are doing fine. --Dianne Smith has been appointed as a member of the National Planning and Advisory Council on Handicapped Individuals, which is a part of the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals. --Looking for a furnished, large efficiency apartment less than ten minutes from Gallaudet? If so, Frances Parsons has one to sublet during the next year. Please contact Frances at box 993 through the campus mail. -- Nancy Rigg is now home recuperating following recent surgery. her absence, Earl Higgins will serve as acting director of the Television Studio. Nancy is ex-

# POSITIONS AVAILABLE

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Center for Law and the Deaf

pected to return at the end of

SECRETARY I: Department of

Counseling

the month.

SECRETARY I: Sign Language Programs LEGAL SECRETARY: Center for Law

and the Deaf COUNSELOR EDUCATION (Faculty):

Department of Counseling SECRETARY I: Kendall School

LIBRARY/MATERIALS RESOURCE CENTER ASSISTANT: Educational Technology

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN: Technical Support Center

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE: Demographic Studies

SIGN LANGUAGE INSTRUCTOR:

Language Programs
PROJECT MANAGER: Department of
Counseling
ASSISTANT: Sign Language Programs
DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION:
Kendall School
CLERK TYPIST: Sign Language
AUDIOLOGIST I: Audiology and Speech
ACCOUNTING CLERK II: Accounting
Gallaudet College is an equal
opportunity employer.

# IMPLANT WEARER ON CAMPUS

Mr. Charles Graser, the first person to receive a long-term cochlea implant, was on campus last week for three days of audiological testing. As of June 1975, 16 people had participated in the cochlea implant project at the Ear Institute in Los Angeles, where the surgical technique and equipment were developed by Dr. William F. House, an otolaryngologist, and Mr. Jack Urban, an engineer. Dr. House and Mr. Melvin Bartz, the current engineer, were also with Mr. Graser here at Gallaudet.

Only patients who have a sensory deafness, which results from a loss of hair cells in the cochlea, have been considered for the implant. The procedure involves the surgical implanting of an electrode in the patient's cochlea. This electrode together with an exterior and interior coil stimulates the neural fibers of the 8th auditory nerve.

With the implant, the wearers are receiving auditory signals which they previously were not due to damage to their hair cells. Although these signals are not the same as a normal hearing person receives, implant recipients have been able to learn through training to interpret these cues and enhance their auditory discrimination. Most patients have found the implant does facilitate speechreading to some extent.

Henry Tobin from our Department of Audiology and Speech has been working closely with the Ear Institute and was in Los Angeles for six weeks this summer.

Gallaudet is embarking on a long-range research project to do ex-

tensive audiological evaluations of implant recipients. Although highly experimental, the procedure does appear to be a promising aid to those persons suffering from a sensory hearing loss.

--Please be advised that some

### AROUND AND ABOUT

people who have parked their cars in the lot behind the Counseling Center have had problems with neighborhood school children throwing rocks at their windshields. . -- The College received many interesting gifts from delegates to the World Federation of the Deaf Congress this summer. These items are presently on display in the Library. Also, please don't overlook the photographic display of education of the deaf in the Soviet Union. -- The North Carolina School for the Deaf is collecting cancelled postage stamps. These stamps are given to a local organization which is providing food for those in need. The Public Service Programs will take your stamps and send them on to the North Carolina School if you would like to contribute.



WORKS BY DAVID BLOCH

The Cultural Affairs Committee is sponsoring an exhibit of art by David Bloch in the Washburn Arts Center from October 8-22.

Deaf since early childhood, Mr. Bloch was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States after living in China for nine years during the 1940's.

His works include woodcuts, line drawings, watercolors and designs for china.

Andy Bortun, editor